



## Fishburne to honor AMA at review "Relationship renewal" planned on 24 April

Fishburne Military School has invited AMA alumni and friends to be honored at a Corps of Cadets Review in Waynesboro Saturday 24 April as the first step in renewing the relationship between the 2 former friendly rivals.

Read all the details inside on page 7!

Work to commence 1 April

# Alumni House ceremonies to highlight 1999 AMA reunion

For years, the alumni and friends of Augusta Military Academy have dreamed about a museum and an alumni headquarters. 1999 is the year

that dream comes true!

The highlight of the 1999
AMA Alumni Reunion
weekend will be the dedication of the 130 year old
Roller-Robinson House to
be AMA's new Alumni
Center and Museum. The
Fishburne Military School
Color Guard and Band will
be drawn up in front of Big
Barracks in a salute to AMA's legacy as
Virginia's first military preparatory school.

The house will be in transition when it is dedicated as the restorers will have begun their work on 1 April. Jon Cesafsky, who recently led the team that renovated Thomas Jefferson's Poplar Forest, will perform a similar function overseeing the work to be done at AMA. The entire restoration project will take from 8 to 12 months and involves replacing the roof, the heating system, plumbing and wiring, and removing additions to the original house.

There will be many firsts at this year's reunion. The first AMA group to be fed on the campus since the school closed will lunch on Saturday

in the AMA Gymnasium. Food will be prepared and served by

volunteers in the United Pentecostal Church, the new owners of AMA. The first bugle calls on campus since 1983 will summon alumni and friends to the programs scheduled on school grounds. Because of the

expected record turnout, a spacious and gracious Hospitality Tent will replace the often crowded and smoky Hospitality

Suites of bygone years.

The headquarters hotel for the reunion is again the Holiday Inn Golf and Conference Center just off I-81 in Staunton. Area hotels are filling up fast and reservations should be made without delay to assure a place to stay. (see list of hotels and phone numbers on page 22)

This issue of *The Bayonet* has details of the AMA Golf Tournament and the AMA Sport Clay shoot as well as all the "official" activities.

See you at the reunion 30 April and 1 May!

## Deadline nears for scholarship applications

Any direct descendant of an alumnus - child, grandchild, great grandchild, et al, who is enrolled in an educational institution past high school is eligible to receive one of 6 AMA Legacy Scholarships to be awarded at the 1999 reunion. But the deadline is 23 March to submit a completed application to the judge. Details on page 21.

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#### Augusta Military Academy Alumni Association, Inc.

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#### Dear Fellow Alumnus:

Well, here we are again on the eve of an AMA alumni reunion. But many things are different this time around. The AMA Alumni House and Museum now seem to be assured. We'll be giving out 6 AMA Legacy Scholarships for the first time. Also for the first time, we will award the AMA Alumni Medal for unique contributions to the alumni association. The number of alumni and friends who have joined the Roller Society continues to grow. It seems a certainty that the State of Virginia will be putting up an historical marker near the front gate. We'll have our first AMA meal on campus in 15 years and we'll be called to "Soupie" by a former AMA bugler!

All that is enough to celebrate at one time in life, but the excitement is nevertheless enhanced by reports of a record turnout for the reunion. This means more fellows will rekindle connections with other fellows from their era at AMA and in that there is a synergy that keeps us moving ever forward. It's going to be a very exciting weekend. Anyone who has ever thought about coming back to a reunion "one of these days" really should plan to get to *this* one. There may well never be another like it. See you April 30 in Fort Defiance!

Goodloe Saunders, 57

President, AMA Alumni Association, Inc.



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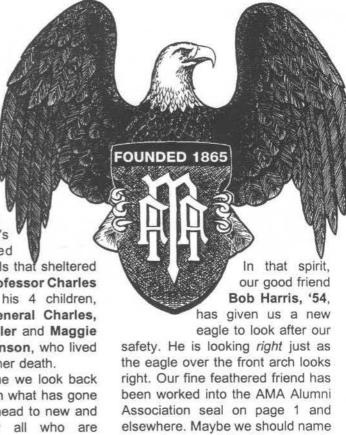
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# A new eagle is born!

So much is going on these AMA days. The renovation of the old Roller Home will see Augusta's protected legacy within the very walls that sheltered AMA's founder, Professor Charles Roller, Sr., and his 4 children, Colonel Tom, General Charles, Jr., Dr. W. C. Roller and Maggie Belle Roller Robinson, who lived in the house until her death.

At the same time we look back with loving eyes on what has gone before, we look ahead to new and better things for all who are associated with AMA.



him. Any ideas? And thanks, Bob.

#### 1935

Colonel Bob Byers and Pearle live in McDonough, GA where Pearle is recovering from a minor stroke she had last March. Bob says he's gotten to be "a pretty good nursemaid..."

#### 1937

Bill Gray was hospitalized in late January and early February, and is continuing treatments. Hang in there, Bill! Bill is the official AMA Chaplain.

#### 1939

### 60th ANNIVERSARY

V. P. Leavel spent Christmas with his family in Nagshead, NC.

Mickey Gordon has been taking care of Libby since she had cataract surgery in January. Get well soon, Libby. We can't have a reunion without Libby!

#### 1941

Walt Dyer spent the last 20 years of his professional life in public relations with the US Postal Service. A 1948 graduate of the University of Missouri School of Journalism (after 3 years active duty during World War II), he spent the first part of his career as a newspaper and trade magazine editor and reporter.

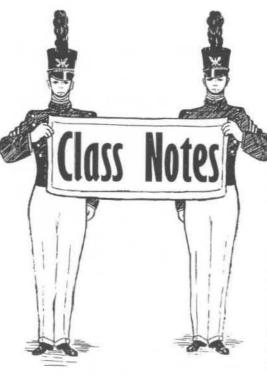
Michael Elliott attended the Naval Academy, then spent 28 years in the U.S. Air Force. He then went to work for Hughes Aircraft in Fullerton, CA. retiring from there as an engineering manager after 18 years. Michael lives in Goodyear, AZ.

#### 1942

Colonel Rutland Beard was one of many who identified Worthington "Tex" Mahone, '42, as the cadet in the AMA T-shirt in January's From Colonel Hoover's attic (see page 19). We were delighted to hear that Rut will attend this year's reunion on 30 April and 1 May.

#### 1943

Earl Cabaniss reports that he got WebTV for Christmas and is trying to learn how to use it. Earl's new e-mail address: ECabaniss@webtv.net



#### 1945

Vince Barber is recovering from hip replacement surgery and will have the second such operation when he is well enough. Vince lives in Cocoa, FL.

#### 1947

Dr. Emanuel Michaels was recently chosen President-elect of the US Section of the International College of Dentists. Manny is a past president of the Virginia Dental Association, a past trustee of the American Dental Association Endowment and Assistance Fund, and a past member of the Virginia Board of Health. He lives in Norfolk



55 years later - Don Browne, '45, says he has changed a little since the photo of him with a fencing foil was taken in 1944 (See Colonel Hoover's attic, page 19). 13 March is the 50th wedding anniversary for Don and Carolyn. Congratulations!

Wilson Harrell has had an interesting career: first, the US Navv. then the DuPont Company, followed by a booking agent for the entertainment industry for 20 years, and a decade at a handicapped center in Norfolk.

Living in Newport News, Wilson is retired and makes coal loads for HO and other gauge model railroads. Thanks for your generous contribution, Wilson. We look forward to seeing you at the reunion!

#### 1948

Bill Harris has struck oil! Really! He has a 3% interest in a well adjacent to his property that is producing 10 million cubic feet of gas a day and 1,000 barrels of sweet crude. Sweet. indeed! Bill and Francis own and operate Heart of My Heart Bed and Breakfast in Round Hill, TX.

Alan Diamonstein is now in his 32nd year as the Delegate from the 94th District (Newport News) in the Virginia General Assembly. He also continues as the senior law partner in Diamonstein, Becker and Staley. Alan and his wife Beverly have 4 children and 5 grandchildren. New e-mail address: aad002@aol.com

Francis Fields remembered a photo of Chuck Pennock on crutches standing by a damaged aircraft. Doug Pennock, '72, Chuck's son, says that while his Dad took flying lessons while at Augusta, "he never had an aviation fender bender while a cadet. He broke his leg sliding into 3rd base at an SMA game ... " Doug says that Chuck did manage to wreck his brand new Beechcraft Musketeer in the '60's "when the nose wheel caught in a goat hole while he was taking off from a dirt strip at Anegada, British Virgin Islands."

Richard McLaughlin had a scare in late January when his heart began beating erratically. After a few days at the University of Virginia Hospital, all is well. Richard recently moved back home to Staunton from Long Island.

50th ANNIVERSARY

Milt Gallier looks forward to seeing

his classmates at the reunion. He says, "I've been travelling quite a bit to Australia, Europe and Russia, and I still haven't found a place that I would trade for Virginia."

#### 1951

Bud Hargrave says we shouldn't list him as Charles Hargrave anymore. "Only the IRS knows me as Charles," says Bud. He has a new e-mail address: betthar@InfoAve.net

#### 1952

Dr. Ernesto Calvo has been in the practice of dentistry in Miami since he graduated from Loyola University in New Orleans in 1958. Recently, a new patient came to see Ernesto. As they talked, they soon realized they had both attended Augusta. And that is how Ernesto and Adolfo Anguizola, '83, became the best of friends.

#### 1953

Harold Chow retired from his second airline job this past summer and is enjoying life in Hawaii. He has 4 daughters, including twins, and 3 grandchildren. He says for sure he'll come back for his 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2003, and we hope before that.

Al Wattay and Diane live at Hilton Head Island, SC where the ex-Navy pilot is flying for the Civil Air Patrol. He has the rank of lieutenant colonel which corresponds to his Navy rank of commander. Di says, "Al has a uniform and a flying mission... what more could a retired pilot want?" Al also is Vice Commander of his American Legion post. The Wattays will celebrate their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in Europe this May.

#### 1954

Bob Harris, who has donated so much time, effort and superior quality printing plans to attend the reunion. "I've had my hotel reservation for a long time..."

#### 1959

### 40th ANNIVERSARY

Lloyd Eastlack owns 2 saltwater tackle shops, a wholesale tackle company, and a charter boat service in Wilmington, NC. Lloyd and his wife Kit



Pictured above at right is Matt Bradbury, '66, with his son, Troy. Matt is an official for youth and adult hockey. Troy plays for the Northern Virginia Ice Dogs hockey team. (see story, next page)

have 3 daughters and 3 grandchildren with another on the way. He happily purchased 10 of the AMA miniature cadets just before Christmas!

John Steciw hoped to come to the reunion, but finds that he'll be in Europe at that time.

#### 1960

George Holt and his wife Cheryl will travel through the West in late April - Denver, Salt Lake City, Phoenix, and the Grand Canyon.

Rich Newman has lived in Georgia since 1966 where he is a sales rep for a corrugated container plant. He's been married for 31 years, and has 2 daughters and a son. Frank Williamson, '60, called Rich "out of the blue... and got me on the Bayonet mailing list. I really look forward to the stories and news as well as the old photos."

#### 1961

Ron Frees lives in Oakdale, PA near Pittsburgh where he is Senior Mechanical Engineer at ChemTech Consultants. He has lived at the same address for the past 32 years with his

wife, Sandy. They have 3 grown children - 2 daughters and a son, plus 4 grandchildren.

#### 1962

Al Escoda received a very nice present from Santa: a little velvet box with an AMA class ring for 1962! "It goes without saying that I was totally elated!"

Bill Keller lives in Cypress, TX and is Director of Market Planning and Development for the Variable Annuity Life Insurance Company. He has 3 children: Janine, Kevin and Kimberly, and 4 grandchildren.

#### 1963

Larry Markley was born less than 10 miles from Staunton, but has spent the last 30 years in his adopted State of Alaska. He heads his own lobbying firm (Markley and Company) with offices in Anchorage, Juneau, and Washington, DC. He and wife Katelyn, a 3<sup>rd</sup> generation Alaskan, live in Anchorage but visit their Shenandoah Valley farm as often as they can.

Larry Staples has been promoted to senior vice president of operations for Planters Bank. Staples graduated from the University of Wisconsin School of Bank Administration. He and his wife, Mary Jane, live in Waynesboro.

#### 1965

Rex Miller is an import contractor. He has 2 new addresses. He and his wife Elaine live at 13963 Plains Mill Road, Timberville, VA 22853, and his e-mail address is: rexmil5750@aol.com

Ben Beard, Polly and family live in Pensacola, FL where Ben is a prosecutor in the U.S. Attorney's office. Polly and daughter Suzanne visited relatives in Virginia last summer and says that their favorite stop was at Augusta. Polly says they were "thrilled with the miniature cadets we were able to purchase." (see page 8)

**Tom Phillips** went to the Naval Academy via an honor military appointment from AMA. He served in

the Navy for 20 years. "I have AMA to thank for directing my life..."

#### 1966

David Watts is retired and enjoying life in Windsor, England. David and his wife maintain their home in Middletown, RI and he's pleased to

report that he recently played golf in Tunisia and Amsterdam as well as in the UK.

Matt Bradbury spent 3 years in the Navy, then attended Benjamin Franklin University in Washington, DC, receiving a degree in accounting. He worked for 17 years as an internal auditor for the US Army Audit Agency. He has gotten very involved with both youth and adult hockey and is now Treasurer of the Southeastern Hockey Officials Association. Matt lives in Springfield, VA with his wife Cindy and his 10 year old son Troy. (see picture, previous page)

#### 1968

Marc Aronson will be coming to the reunion with his fiancee. He asked if there will be any ministers at the reunion. Any ministers? They own the place, Marc!

#### 1969 30th ANNIVERSARY

Bill Scarborough is quite fisherman. In fact, he was named Angler of the Year by the Mako Owners of Texas Boat Club. Bill, from Hitchcock, TX, said that he had "worked hard" to win the title.

Rex Rumley says he'll be back in Virginia for the 1999 AMA Reunion. Rex lives in Columbus, OH.

Colonel Steve Passero and Cathie made their hotel reservations for the reunion long ago. Glad you're going to be here, Steve.

#### 1970

Jorge Rovirosa and family had a great visit to the Shenandoah Valley just after New Year's. The Rovirosas live in Miami and Jorge says, "the kids got to see the snow and we did some skiing at Wintergreen." They took 7 Virginia country hams back to Florida with them! Is there enough water in Florida to guench that thirst? And did you make red eye gravy?



Tyrock Butler, '79, identified himself in the photo above as "the guy with all the medals behind Todd Livick." The photo was made by Colonel Hoover on a Veterans Day and appeared in the November 1998 Bayonet. Ty works for the California Motor Vehicles Division in Los Angeles and leads the March of Dimes campaign in Southern California.

Karl Haleamau has checked in from Washington State. He flew as aircrew on Orion sub-hunters and has chased everything from Russian submarines to flatulent whales! Currently, he is an instructor in naval ordnance. Karl has a "beautiful wife and 2 wonderful children..." Son Kalani, 14, "grows like a weed and eats like a sumo wrestler." Daughter Tia is in college on the East Coast.

#### 1971

Reed Nettles has retired from the Los Angeles Dodgers baseball organization. Reed was VP for marketing and special events. "A great job," Reed says. "Lunch every day with Tommy Lasorda and hanging out with Mike Piazza before he was traded..." He has 2 twin boys who just turned 23 -

one goes to Arizona State and the other one works in the computer field. Reed says that his wife, Terri, "is very supportive.. I guess she has to be... and I have taken a new job in licensing with NASCAR." The Nettles live in Phoenix.

> Garry Granger reports that his daughter Heather, 21, is engaged to be married on Garry's birthday - 24 June 2000. Son Stephen, 18, is at Fork Union "and doing great there." Matthew, 13, is in the Symphonic Band at his school and just made the Texas State Band in percussion..." Want to hear more about what Garry is doing? Well, he'll be at the reunion!

Sam Wysong has spent 24 years in the Navy with assignments in San Diego, Honolulu, San Francisco, the Persian Gulf, Australia, Korea, Japan, Thailand, Singapore, the Philippines and now - South Texas. Seven years ago, he began working with mine countermeasures and offensive mining, but now he's working on his resume to decide what to do when he leaves the Navy.

#### 1972

Al Samuels has told Steve Pearson, '72, that he'll be coming to the '99 reunion. Al was in Band Company.

Doug Pennock (see 1948)

## 25th ANNIVERSARY

Michael Martens graduated from Southwest Texas State and is a certified property manager in San Antonio.

Dr. Corey Koenig is a board certified obstetrician/gynecologistin Massachusetts and senior partner in a 5-doctor practice. He and Brett Thompson, '75, reconnected by phone early this year and they are working to get alumni from the '70's back for the reunion. Corey's e-mail address: SKoenigMD@aol.com

Ray Mark checks in from Knoxville, TN where he is raising Siberian Huskies and developing webpages. He graduated from Tennessee, then spent 2 years at Villanova and has a degree in computer assisted design. Ray has 2 daughters, 6 and 14, "and I am married to a wonderful lady!"

#### 1975

Brett Thompson has been tracking down guys from his era to attend this year's reunion and his class' 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2000. John Tyminski, '76, and Andy Wilks, '75, are among those who have heeded Brett's pleadings.

Mal Livick, Jr. reports that his wife Martha has been confined to the University of Virginia Hospital and then the Augusta Medical Center in Fishersville. She's at home now and doing better, we are pleased to say.

#### 1976

Dave Langley left real estate in 1995 to return to the industry he loves most - graphics communications. He is Graphics Art Coordinator for his local school district in Littlestown, PA. 120 graphics arts students use Dave's print shop as their lab. He has a new e-mail address: langley@cvn.net

Roger Mullis is a surgical technician and is on the neurosurgical team at the Redding Medical Center in Redding, CA.

### 1979

### 20th ANNIVERSARY

Michael Narlis lives in Chesapeake, VA and works for Sprint in Elizabeth City, NC. He's been married 7 years.

Staccato Butler has been a Baltimore City police officer for the past 15 years. He is on the mounted patrol and works with the Fugitive Unit attached to the Warrant Apprehension Task Force In addition to his police work from horseback, Staccato patrols on a mountain bike, a dirt bike and marked and unmarked patrol cars.

Thomas Scott lost his father this past November. We are all thinking about you, Scott. He lives in Woodland Hills, CA. V.P. Leavel, '39, is Scott's uncle.

Latelle LaFollette, IV's father Latelle, III, also attended AMA graduating in 1950. And his father, Latelle, Jr., was in the Augusta Class of 1918.

#### 1980

J. D. Justice checks in from "somewhere overseas" to say that he'd like to get back for the 1999 reunion, but "Uncle Sam has other ideas..." e-mail J. D. at: jdj@detroit.navy.mil

#### 1981

Major Todd Livick, USA, has been selected for the Army's Command and General Staff College.

#### 1983

Adolfo Anguizola (See Ernesto Calvo, '52)

#### 1984

### 15th ANNIVERSARY

Luis Cervantes transferred to Randolph-Macon when AMA was closed. He is a hedge fund manager in Mexico City, has been married 5 years, and has 2 daughters. e-mail: wichocervantes@yahoo.com

Chris Meeks and his entire family are heading for Fort Defiance for the 1999 reunion. Chris is Class Agent for 1984 and beyond. Thanks for all the help and support, Chris!



## Museum looking for AMA items

With work about to begin on the AMA Alumni House and Museum, there is a new emphasis on finding out what's out there that might help tell the AMA story.

John Hash, '75, Chairman of the Museum Committee, says that he has been disappointed in the response to date. "Several times we have asked for AMA alumni and friends to indicate what items they have that they will donate or loan to the museum, but we haven't had much response," Hash reported.

With renovation of the Roller-Robinson House expected to take 8 to 12 months, the alumni association does not want folks to start sending things in before there is a place to secure the treasures. "But we would like to know what kinds of things we may be getting eventually," said Hash.

If you have something that you will donate or lend to the AMA Museum once it is ready for business, please send a note to John Hash, AMA Alumni Association, Inc., P.O. Box 101, Fort Defiance, VA 24437-0101.

## Gordon, '39, waits for silent majority

Having sent letters to everyone in the Class of '39 for whom the alumni association has an address, **Mickey Gordon**, '39, says he's now waiting to hear from "the silent majority" about coming back for their 60<sup>th</sup> reunion.

"Maybe being old is the reason I haven't heard from some folks," he says. "Jack Bamford and Mary Alda are definite 'maybes,' Red Leatherman will try to come... Brent Riley already told me he is coming...and Red Swartz called from Texas to say that he is coming, but a lot of fellows I have yet to hear from."

Mickey is hoping that he can get members of the Class of '39 together for a meal during the reunion.

So, all you '39ers out there: use the self-addressed envelope Mickey sent you to tell him that you're coming!

Fishburne Military School and the Augusta Military Academy. Old rivals on the athletic field, but rivals no more! FMS has invited the alumni of AMA to "Troop the line", inspecting the Fishburne Corps of Cadets at a Corps review Saturday 24 April on the school's Waynesboro campus.

This is a week before the Fishburne color guard and band travel to Fort Defiance to take part in the dedication of the Roller-Robinson House, AMA's new Alumni Center and Museum.

The invitation to AMA has been extended by Colonel Oscar "Beau" Beasley, Superintendent of

## ARE YOU COMING TO THE FISHBURNE REVIEW 24 APRIL?

If you can attend the FMS parade, and/or can play in the tennis match, <u>please</u> notify Duke Fancher - 703/892-0958 e-mail: tdfan@aol.com

FMS, and by **John Maragon**, a Fishburne alumnus from McGaheysville, VA.

24 and 25 April are the dates of the FMS Alumni Weekend. AMA alumni are invited to bring the Augusta colors and to lead Augusta and Fishburne alumni onto the drill field on the 24<sup>th</sup>, inspecting the FMS Corps of Cadets. AMA alumni are asked to arrive at Fishburne by 11 AM. Following the review, a luncheon will be served at 1 PM on the Back Parapet at FMS. We'll need a headcount for this!

Fishburne has challenged Augusta to a tennis match that day, scheduled to start at 2 PM on the lower tennis courts. AMA-FMS team captains will establish match rules and playing levels to insure a competitive match. Wives who would like to play doubles will be welcomed to do so after the team match has concluded.

The Hudgins-Roller Cup, which in the past went to the winner of the annual AMA-FMS football game, will be awarded to the school winning the tennis match. Planners hope the tennis match will become an annual event.



The Fishburne Military School Color Guard. This unit will take part in the dedication ceremonies of the AMA Alumni Center and Museum on Saturday 1 May in Fort Defiance. The Saturday before that - 24 April - FMS has invited Augusta alumni to 'Troop the line' at a Cadet Corps review on the Waynesboro campus.

## Tennis anyone?

Fishburne has challenged Augusta to a tennis match!

FMS alumni invite AMA alumni to play tennis at Fishburne on Saturday 24 April 1999, the week before the annual AMA reunion.

We are looking for a FEW GOOD TENNIS PLAYERS!

If you can represent the Blue and White in this tennis match, please contact Duke Fancher, '58, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE! Phone 703/892-0958 e-mail: tdfan@aol.com



#### For spouses and families

## Things to do while he's playing with the boys

While he is off swapping lies with his old classmates, just what are you supposed to do? The Fort Defiance vicinity offers plenty of options.

Into antiques? You can't drive a mile on any highway in the area without coming across one or more antique shops. Ask for directions at the hotel. They'll also know if there are any sales while you're there.

Like **country music**? The Statler Brothers Museum occupies what used to be Beverley Manor High School and has some major country music exhibits. You might even meet a Statler or two!

**History?** Woodrow Wilson's birthplace in Staunton is a beautiful 19<sup>th</sup> Century home. The President's 1919 Pierce-Arrow is on display there.

The Frontier Museum (see box below) will begin "Wool Days" on Saturday 1 May. They'll be shearing sheep and showing how frontier women made this into garments.

If you haven't visited downtown Staunton in a while, prepare to be impressed! The 250 year old heritage

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lives on every street. Many good shops and great places to eat, such as The Pullman in the old C&O Railway station or McCormick's in the historic YMCA building.

Spring will be at its height, the best time to visit Monticello, Thomas Jefferson's unique home, and all the other sights in Charlottesville. Or visit Lexington, the town of the generals - Washington, Lee and Marshall. Jefferson's Poplar Forest is in nearby Bedford County (and the man who restored that historic property has been contracted to restore the Roller-Robinson House and turn it into the AMA Alumni House and Museum)

Caverns abound as underground water works its magic. The Grand Caverns and Natural Chimneys are very nearby in Grottoes. The Luray Caverns are near the Skyline Drive.

Which by the way is a great place for **scenic wonders**. Drive along the Skyline Drive at the top of the Shenandoah National Park and see nature's marvels right and left.

Art? The P. Buckley Moss studios

and museum are just off I-64. (See box to right) You may even find the famous artist there!

Kids? Well, quite a few are coming. (see story on page 15) It shouldn't be that difficult to keep them entertained!

So, while he golfs or shoots clays or shoots the bull, there are interesting things to do everywhere you look! So, come, enjoy!

### Class ring info at reunion

There will be information available at the reunion regarding the purchase of AMA class rings from Josten's. Ask at registration.

Correction

In the **SOTIGHT** article on **Jim Starnes** in the January *Bayonet*, we identified the retired CG of the 29<sup>th</sup> Division as General Art Sproul. His name, of course, is Arch, not Art. Sorry, General!





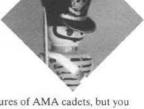
### Cadet Miniatures

The distinctive hand-turned miniatures of AMA cadets are now also available for other schools!

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Not only can you order the Litsinger miniatures of AMA cadets, but you can have cadets in a variety of military school uniforms! And, if you order a cadet or cadets for your college, AMA will still get \$7.50 per cadet!

All the cadet miniatures are individually made by Carl and Sheila Litsinger in Waynesboro. They are finished to a porcelain-like luster and stand about 3 inches high. The cost: \$15 each, with \$7.50 of this price going to AMA!

The Litsingers will be at the AMA Reunion where you will have an opportunity to examine their work.

They will have finished miniatures for sale, and will take your order for a particular college. They also produce Civil War figures. In addition to 3 standard poses for the AMA cadet (hand salute, rifle or saber) they will show you other options!

Fishburne contingent will participate

# AMA Alumni House will be dedicated at reunion

The final Augusta Military Academy reunion in the 20th Century will see the largest returning crowd of alumni in the school's history. On Friday and Saturday, 30 April and 1 May, cadets and their families will exchange stories, eat, drink, golf, shoot skeet, and dedicate the familiar Roller-Robinson House as the AMA Alumni House and Museum.

The band and color guard from AMA's old friendly rivals, Fishburne Military School, will take part in the dedication ceremonies and FMS Superintendent Colonel Oscar Beasley will speak at the 11:30 AM event on Saturday. Behind him, bedecked in red, white and blue bunting, will be the home of Professor Charles Roller where AMA's founder lived and raised his family, which included Colonel Tom Roller, General Charles Roller, Jr., and Maggie Belle Robinson, long-time grande dame of the YMCA.

#### Work starts 1 April

On 1 April, the renovations on the circa 1870 house will begin with likely

evidence of the work being done clearly visible on the day of dedication. New AMA Alumni Board member **Terry Snow, '58**, was able to obtain the services of Jon Cesafsky, who recently led a renovation team working on

Thomas Jefferson's home in Bedford County, VA known as Poplar Forest. Cesafsky is owner and President of Lone Jack Contracting in Lynchburg. His uncle, **Tom Wallace**, **IV**, '54, played varsity football, and was on the swim, tennis and lacrosse teams and was Acting Captain of A Company.

Restoration will take from 8 to 12 months depending on what Cesafsky finds when they demolish some latter day walls and supports. "We likely will see 'ghosts' of long ago walls which were, over time, taken out," he said. "The old place has had many reconfigurations and additions, most of which will have to be torn out."

Top priority is the roof which has been patched and added to by several generations of



The Roller-Robinson House, soon the AMA Alumni House and Museum. This is the likely look exterior of the house after renovations are completed.

occupants. Cesafsky is proposing a copper roof because of its enduring quality. The house will be replumbed, rewired and will have new heating and air conditioning installed.

The dedication of the 130 year old house highlights a busy weekend for returning alumni and their families.

Early bird arrivals on Thursday 29 April will find a new Hospitality Tent open that afternoon and evening behind the Headquarters Holiday Inn Golf and Conference Center. A round of golf at Ingleside is one Thursday option. There will be an informal social Thursday evening.

On Friday, the annual AMA Golf Tournament will be played on the Staunton Country Club course. Tee time is 10:30 AM. A ladies program also is scheduled for 10:30 AM. There will be a social at 5:30 PM and the Awards Banquet begins at 6:30 PM in the ball rooms.

On Saturday, members of the Roller Society and of Ab Astra will breakfast together at the Holiday Inn. The annual membership meeting follows at 9 AM and the Board of Directors meets after that. At 11:30, the AMA Alumni House

Colonel Oscar Beasley Superintendent, FMS

dedication ceremonies get under (continued on page 12)

## Have you planned by not planning?

You have heard it said: "Where there's a will, there's a way, to help AMA." It's also true that "Where there's a will, there's a way, that you'll have your say."

Whether you have an estate plan or not, instructions are in place which will direct the disposal of everything you've worked for all your life.

In the absence of a valid will, for example, state laws distribute property in specified portions among relatives, regardless of what your wishes might have been. Unfortunately, these "laws of descent and distribution" serve as wills for over half of the American population.

For most people, whether they are wealthy or of modest means, it is important to exercise their right to plan. When properly drafted by a qualified attorney, a will minimizes estate settlement costs and taxes, arranges for your property to be managed as you want, and provides for others you wish to remember.

Charitable bequests also find a place in wills of many who wish to lend support to AMA beyond their lifetimes.

Giving by will can be a flexible way to participate in the future after your family's needs have been met. Quite simply, your will and other plans are personal statements. Having earned

your property, you have the right to distribute it after you no longer need it. Plan today, however, so that you will be the one who does

will be the one who does your planning!

You should keep in mind the "4 P's" of estate planning:

People: First, write down the names of the people for whom you want to plan - family, a spouse, children, grandchildren, close friends.

Property: List all the property you own. Cash, real estate, cars, stock, life insurance, investments. Try to estimate the dollar value and cost of all your property. Show any income it produces.

Plans: Match people with property. You may want to consider charitable bequests to the AMA Alumni Association and other favorite charities.

Planners: Your attorney, a CPA, insurance or bank professionals can give you the peace of mind provided by a well-planned estate.

### What if I already have a will?

Congratulations! But does it need to be revised? Ask yourself:

Is my executor still appropriate and willing to serve? 

Yes? 
No?

Does my will still meet my family's needs, given any births, marriages, divorces or deaths that have occurred? 

Yes? 

No?

Does my will address the needs of loved ones who would require care in my absence? 

Yes? 

No?

Has my attorney reviewed my will in recent years so that my plans reflect current tax laws? 

No?

Does my estate provide for Augusta Military Academy or other favorite charitable organizations? 

Yes? 

No?

If you answered No to any questions, you may wish to review your plans. They may need to be altered to serve you as well as possible.

### 250th Anniversary of first sermon

## Association presents historic illustration to Stone Church

The AMA Alumni Association has presented to the Congregation of the Augusta Stone Presbyterian Church an 1882 illustration of the church and the Augusta Military Academy of that

The occasion was the 250th anniversary of the first sermon that was preached in the ancient church on 22 January 1749.

President Goodloe Saunders, '57, made the presentation calling attention to AMA's long association with the Stone Church. The picture rested on a stand at the front of the sanctuary. Reverend Mark Stanlev accepted the gift on behalf of the congregation and invited children in the audience to come forward for a closer look.

Following the service, visiting alumni mingled with church members at a reception in John Craig Hall.

The illustration appeared in AMA catalogs beginning in 1882. The artist

honoring the 150th year

since the first sermon in the church. Periodicals of the time described a line

is unknown. The picture shows the church, almost hidden by trees, and the campus of the day with its wooden buildings and twin towers, one of which remains today. The surviving tower stands over the Roller-Robinson

Goodloe Saunders, '57, President of the AMA Alumni Association, and the Reverend Mark Stanley, minister at the Augusta Stone Church, with the circa 1882 illustration showing the church and Augusta Military Academy.

of AMA cadets formed on either side of the road as the congregation arrived for the anniversary ceremonies. Professor Charles Roller, Sr. was principal at the time.

front pews

of the Augusta

Stone Church were

sary of the first sermon in the church.





Looking for a Recall? Or your old roommate? Look here! If you can help, contact Ed Click, P.O. Box 101, Fort Defiance, VA 24437-0101. 540/248-0507 e-mail: grampso2@juno.com

Need a '64 Recall: I have my '65 yearbook, but my '64 Recall was left in my room when school ended in '65. Does anyone have a 1964 Recall? Arthur "Bryan" Hall, '65

Who has my Recall? I sent my 1970 Recall to someone 18 months ago. I have amnesia from an illness and can't remember who has it. Please, someone, send my 1970 yearbook back. Steve Pearson, '72

Richard Clay, 43 - where are you? The last I heard, he was in Connecticutt. Does anyone know where he is now? Herb McCawley, '43

**Reunion** (continued from page 9) way in front of Roller-Robinson House. The Fishburne band and color guard will perform and FMS Superintendent Colonel Beau Beasley will speak.

#### Beasley an FMS graduate

A 1962 graduate of Fishburne, Colonel Beasley attended St. Andrews College and American University before entering the Air Force where he served in support of the Apollo Space Missions in New Mexico and Florida.

Graduating from James Madison in 1973, he became a production supervisor for Johns-Manville, then for 9 years was a commercial/industrial

appraiser in his family's Washington, DC business. He was an officer of several banking institutions and was President and CEO of Community



ABOVE PAR - A great shot from the 1998 AMA Open Golf Tournament. Left to right, Mike Basto, 63; Coach Bill Ralph, one of the winningest football coaches in AMA history; Jim Crawford, '61; Wayne Blaylock, '62, high school All American halfback; and Ken Eichner, '64. Looks like they were having fun! To have fun this year, sign up for the AMA Open on page X.

Financial Corporation, a \$150 million bank holding company. He received his MBA from JMU in 1996 and joined the staff at Fishburne the next year.

AMA bugler Francis Fields, '48, has been called out of retirement to exercise his musical magic across the campus once more. He will summon the gathering to the dedication ceremonies, and at the conclusion will sound "Soupie" to call alumni and friends to lunch in the AMA Gymnasium, the first AMA meal on the campus since 1983. The lunch will be prepared and served by members of the United Pentecostal Church, who are the owners of AMA's buildings and grounds.

sound Taps at the conclusion of that program. Other former AMA buglers may join Fields to offer "Echo Taps."

#### Saturday night events

After Founders Day, at about 3 PM, alumni are invited to participate in a sporting clays shoot. At 6 PM, a Social will commence with heavy hors d'oeuvres served thereafter. The evening concludes with a dance.

This year, class agents have been recruited for all the Honor Classes and they are working hard to assure a good turnout from those years - '39, '49, '59, '69, '74, '79, and '84.

Other alumni volunteered to be class agents and are working on alumni from their eras. Ed Click, '50, has contacted guys from his class to urge them to come back this year and to prepare them for their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2000.

Frank Williamson, who graduated 10 years after Ed Click in 1960, has reserved 45 - yes - 45 rooms at the Host Inn (across from the Holiday Inn). He also worked hard last year to get a good turnout, and succeeded beyond expectations.

He calls the section of the hotel which is allotted to his recruits "CW Barracks."

### COMPLETE REUNION SCHEDULE Page 30

After lunch, annual Founders Day ceremonies will take place in the Augusta Stone Presbyterian Church Cemetery. There, Bugler Fields will

## Paver project gives AMA friends the opportunity to 'Go down in history'

Engraved bricks will be used to restore the sidewalk in front of the Roller-Robinson House, the site of AMA's new Alumni House and Museum. And these special bricks will give friends and alumni a way to receive permanent recognition for support of the project; an opportunity to "Go down in history" as a friend of AMA.

Epoxy treated bricks in 2 sizes will be used to rebuild the sidewalk that runs down the hill from the front of the new AMA Alumni House toward the front gate. As much of the existing horseshoe print concrete as possible will be saved as construction work on the old house goes forward. The new bricks will be sold at \$50 for a 4" X 8" engraved piece. An 8" X 8" brick will require a

\$100 donation, with the money going toward the renovation and restoration of the house, built soon after the Civil War.

Goodloe Saunders, '57, President of the AMA Alumni Association, said, "This is a marvelous opportunity to have a lasting memorial to a favorite teacher or fellow cadet, a way to honor a living person who has done great things for AMA, and a special way for AMA classes, teams, and organizations to have a near perpetual monument to their generosity." The pavers are now on sale (see page 29) and several will have been installed for all to see when the alumni reunion convenes at the end of April.

#### New improved process

The pavers will come from Royale House, Inc. of Wisconsin, the company that has pioneered the epoxy treatment. The engraved letters are straight and sharp, then they are filled with a resilient material that highlights

and protects the actual engraved cavity. This prevents letters from becoming chipped or marred with dirt and debris. The epoxy process enables the bricks to remain easy to read and aesthetically attractive long after other unfilled brick engravings will have deteriorated.

"We believe that the very personal appeal of these bricks will see lots of participation by our alumni and friends," says Saunders. "Not only will we be remembering and honoring people who are important in our lives, but we will simultaneously help off-set the cost of renovating the AMA Alumni House.

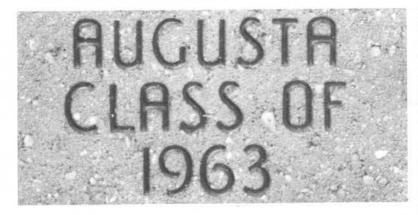
> Cities and towns across the country have used and are using the Royale House product, including Des Moines, Cleveland, Blacksburg,

Virginia, and Winter Park, Florida. Officials in all these cities have expressed great satisfaction with the epoxy treated engraved bricks.

#### Ideas for the bricks

Pictured below are 2 sample bricks which help detail how the pavers will look. As you see, a brick can be used to honor a class, or to remember a great teacher. Other ideas:

- · a brick in honor of parents who sacrificed so that you could go to AMA.
- · a paver to thank someone who has done extraordinary things for AMA or for the AMA Alumni Association
- · a brick to remember someone killed in wartime
- · a brick to honor a living relative or friend, or even a pet In any case, these special pieces will help us open AMA Alumni House - and you can go down in history!



A 4" X 8" brick, above, is a permanent way of remembering and honoring your class. The 8" X 8" brick, right, leaves more room for a sentiment. There is a 3 line limit on the smaller pavers and a 5 line limit on the 8" X 8". Think about who you'd like to honor, living or dead, and use the handy order form on page 29.



### Letters to the Editor

#### Pleased with renovations

I was most pleased to learn that, after some very lean years, both the old campus and the AMA Alumni Association are rejuvenating. There is no doubt in my mind that this is due to the perseverance by a small cadre of alumni determined to keep the spirit

I am so grateful for somehow getting back on The Bayonet mailing list. I look forward to each issue. I am sending a contribution...

> Larry Markley, '63 Anchorage, AK

#### Appreciative of work

I am very appreciative of all the good work being done by the AMA Alumni Association. Thank you - so very much!

> Mark Coolahan, '73 Severna Park, MD

#### Beautiful write-up

What a beautiful write-up and eulogy on our Augusta Military Academy forefather, the campus and the times. (In the beginning, by Duke Fancher, 58, January 1999 Bayonet). And what wonderful pictures! The entire Bayonet was terrific.

It was great to see the 2 generals together - Roller and Marshall. When Mickey Gordon and I were at AMA, General Marshall was scheduled to visit the school after he had become Chief of Staff, but war clouds were blooming in the courtyard of the devil, and Marshall never came...

> Brent Riley, '39 Glendora, CA

#### Good luck with historic marker

I have been following the progress of the AMA Alumni Association with much interest, thanks, of course, to The Bayonet. What a great publication and what a great job!

I read with interest the article about the (Virginia) historical marker to be placed on Route 11 at the school. It's a wonderful idea and a lot of work. I know, having been chairman of a committee for the American Legion of Staunton to place an historical marker and plant trees along the Avenue of Trees in Staunton and at the Frontier Museum... It was a chore for me and it will be a chore for you. Good luck!

This great school's history should be documented down through the years so that all who pass this way may know what contributions AMA has made to our nation's history.

> Dale Powers, '58 Swoope, VA

#### Rivals West Point

No one I know can believe that the grads of a defunct high school can keep up so much interest. It does rival what we do at West Point. You guys are doing such a great job!

Hal Walters was my roommate for a year and 4 years later we graduated from competitive academies, he from Annapolis and I from West Point.

Louise and I have our hotel reservations, airline tickets and rental car reservation. We even put off Louise's once-in-a-lifetime trip to Italy so that we can be at the reunion!

> Grav Kinnie, '49 Hilton Head Island, SC

#### Thinking back

I continue to enjoy The Bayonet and decided it was time for me to pay for another "subscription." Check is enclosed.

The news in The Bayonet is mostly about guys who attended after I did. Having graduated in 1941, it will be 58 years in June of this year. I always look for news about '41 grads and was pleased to read that Clayton Rich still lives in Atlanta. He did his best to get me back for our 40th reunion in 1981, but I couldn't get away at that time.

Clayton did get me together that year with Arthur Eichelbaum. Arthur was Captain of the CW Company and we had our own reunion in Chicago where I was employed. Sadly, it was also Clayton who told me a few years later that Arthur had died.

On a happier note, I was pleased to read about Rutland Beard, '42.

Walter Dyer, '41 Glen Ellyn, IL

### Larry Bradbury, '62 led a colorful life

The pallbearers were in full military uniform of the 18th Century. The officers in full kit, a honor guard at the ready. All members of H. M. 64th Regiment of Foot, a reenactment group portraying a British Regiment of the Line in the American War of Independence.

Larry Bradbury, '62, had joined the 64th as a private and when he died he



Colonel Larry Bradbury 64th Regiment of Foot

had reached the rank of major and was the regimental CO. Posthumously, he was promoted to colonel and the historical name of his company changed to Colonel Bradbury's Cov.

His wife Jacqueline says that her first date with Larry in 1969 included a reenactment of the Battle of Gettysburg and then a movie, "Battle of Britain." "I should have known what I was in for," Jacqueline says.

#### The hardware store

After majoring in history at Roanoke College, Larry returned to his father's hardware store. That is where he met Jacqueline. After they were married, Larry took a job at the Library of Congress where he had daily access to rare books and manuscripts and where he devoted every lunch hour to study and research.

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## Alumni medal gets board OK

Recognizing the need to honor those who have willingly donated their time and efforts to the AMA Alumni

Association, the association board approved establishment of "The Alumni Medal" at its 24 January meeting in the Augusta Stone Presbyterian Church John Craig Hall.

The medal had been proposed by Harry Campbell, '70, who drafted the resolution which the board adopted.

Those entitled to receive the medal include former AMA cadets, former faculty and staff members, and special friends of Augusta. Association President Goodloe Saunders, '57, immediately appointed a committee to receive nominations for the first recipient or recipients of the Alumni Medal with presentation scheduled for the Awards Banquet on Friday 30 April at the reunion.

Awards Selection Committee members include Saunders, Jim Councill, '49, Chairman, Steve Trent, '70, Duke Fancher, '58, and Bob Bradford, '50. Committee members are not eligible to receive the award.

#### Criteria for the award

The Medal may be awarded for meritorious achievement or for meritorious service. Meritorious achievement would refer to a singular act which significantly benefits the association such as organizing or implementing a specific project, i.e., work on the AMA Alumni House.

Meritorious service suggests a series of acts which do not individually warrant high praise, but when combined show a stewardship of all that is best about AMA. Those considered must not have received any personal gain or compensation for the act or acts performed.

The medal consists of the tra-

ditional AMA pendant held in place by a blue suspension ribbon with a white stripe. There is no prohibition to awarding more than one medal in a given year, nor is there a

requirement to present
the award if the
c o m m i t t e e
determines there is no
qualified nominee.

#### Selection process

The Awards Selection
Committee will receive
nominations for the 1999
medal until 1 April.

Thereafter, the committee will examine all submissions and make a decision on candidates. The decision will be announced at the reunion.

Nominations should be directed to Jim Councill, Chairman of the committee (See box, above right). The nominations should come in writing. email submissions are acceptable.

Award recommendations should provide the name of the proposed honoree and a description of the act or acts for which that person is recommended. Nominators should include their name, phone number, address and e-mail address, if any. Supporting documents, newspaper clippings and the like may be submitted as part of the recommendation.

"We have so many faithful alumni and friends who deserve to be recognized, and this provides that opportunity," said Saunders.

### Kids at the reunion

Will there be children at the 1999 reunion? Yes, say several alumni.

Chris Meek, '84, is bringing his 4 year old and 9 month old daughters.

Brett Thompson, '75, may bring his 10 year old son, Will. Harry Campbell, '70, says that his daughter, a freshman at James Madison, might be persuaded to babysit, if there is enough notice.

Bringing a kid to the reunion? Let us know and perhaps they can entertain each other!

#### TO SUBMIT A NOMINATION

Write to:

JIM COUNCILL 103 ALANWOOD DRIVE ORMOND BEACH, FL 32174-4605

m e-mail to:

mcouncill@compuserve.com

DEADLINE FOR 1999 NOMINATIONS: 1 APRIL 1999

## Class of '69 says no to onion milk

The Class of 1969 is being enticed back for their 30<sup>th</sup> reunion by promises of golf, card games, cocktails, stories, a possible motorcycle ride and the promise of no onion milk.

Class agents Charlie Pascale and Bill Scarborough point out that it has been 30 years since their class "cleaned out our lockers, threw our hats in the air, and said goodbye to our AMA family... but the bonds are as strong today as they were then." Last year was Bill's first reunion, and it was like he had never left.

Charlie and Bill asked their classmates which memories are the best for them: "...eating as fast as you can without savoring the flavor of 'soupie', the all night stakeouts before the SMA game, or waking up with your shoes neatly aligned on the drill field. What better way to spend time than remembering all this over a cocktail with Colonel Livick."

And remembering those spring days when the AMA cows got into the wild onions, Bill and Charlie have pledged to their comrades that there will be no onion milk at the 1999 reunion.

The 2 class agents reported that they have more than 25 "for sures" from '69 and expect to have a bigger turnout as cadets learn who else is coming back for the reunion.



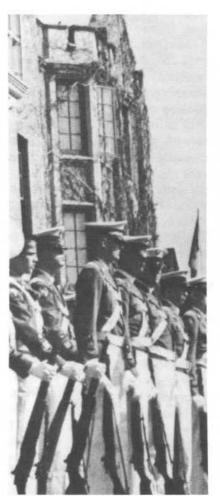
ALL IN THE FAMILY - Back to the roots of AMA's greatness in the persons here photographed. The occasion was the presentation of an 1882 illustration of AMA and the Augusta Stone Church to the church congregation, commemorating the 250th anniversary of the first sermon preached there in 1749. (story and more photos on page 11) Above, left to right, Colonel Mal Livick; Linda Roller Livick, General Roller's granddaughter; Hilton Roller Grasty, Colonel Tom Roller's daughter, and Virginia Roller Hallock, Hilton's daughter.



The late Colonel Sam Wales, '38, attended the Founder's Day ceremonies in the Stone Church Cemetery in 1986. Who is the young cadet with him? Tom Behrendt, '40, who took the photo, thinks it "was the youngest cadet in the Corps when the school closed..."



This vernal scene v

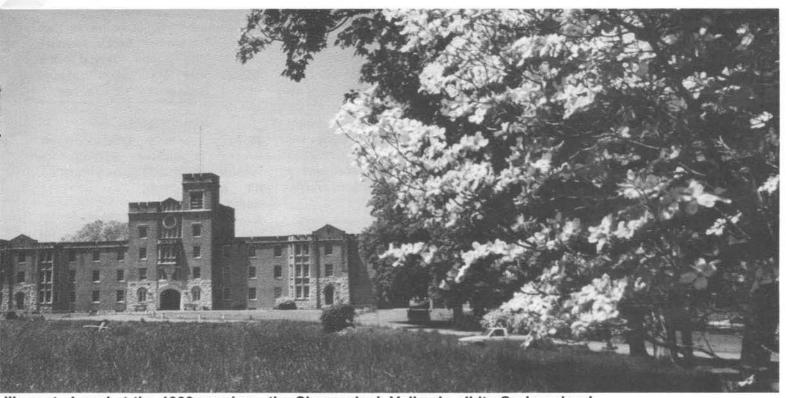


Cadets stand at ease on the blacktop, ready for a Spring Sunday Dress Parade.



spelling out A-M-A Bradford, '50; Ed C

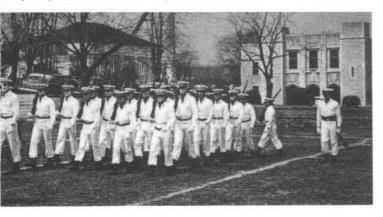




vill greet alumni at the 1999 reunion - the Shenandoah Valley in all its Spring glory!



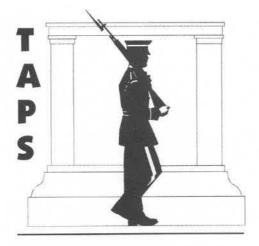
LANGUAGE? A double Click and a Bob? Yes, the boys are at the 1998 reunion. Aren't they clever? Left to right, Bob lick, '50, and Ernest Click, '48.





Linda Roller Livick, above, wields a mean shovel as she officially breaks ground for the new AMA infirmary in 1974, 25 years ago. In the background, Colonel Mal Livick awaits his turn with the beribboned spade.





Daniel Henry Weinberg, 24

8 January 1993, in Braddock Heights, MD. Pioneered movie theaters in Virginia and Maryland; opened the first Holiday Inn in Frederick, MD; owned drive-in theaters, swimming pools, bowling alleys and a nursing home. Active with Red Cross in World War II. Founded the Weinberg Center for the Performing Arts in Frederick, MD. Boards of United Way, Hood College, and Beth Sholom Congregation. Rotary, Masons, Elks.

Manuel Weinberg, '25 1987, details not available. Weinberg and Weinberg, Frederick, MD.

Thomas L. Johnson, '28 29 November 1998, in Asheville, NC, age 87. A native of Lumberton, NC, he was in A Company at Augusta, on the YMCA Council, and the Senior Literary Society. University of North Carolina, 1934. Official of the North Carolina Department of Revenue for more than 35 years. Founding member of local Kiwanis Club. Survived by his wife of 55 years, the former Eleanor Wilson; a daughter, Cynthia Jovner of Raleigh, NC; a granddaughter; a grandson; and a great grandchild.

Arthur T. Littlepage, '32 20 January 1999, at the Charlestown, WV Retirement Community, of prostate cancer, age 85. Retired President of Littlepage's, a West Baltimore landmark furniture store. Attended Johns Hopkins University; highly decorated officer with the 329 Infantry during World War II in Europe. Won the Silver Star when he repulsed a German attack in Belgium and the Bronze Star for helping hold a German town until reinforcements arrived: Purple Heart; called back during the Korean War with the rank of captain. Survived by his wife of 50 years, Betty Kirby; 5 daughters, Jenny Wilkinson of Columbia, MD; Amy Dinan of Washington, DC; Sarah Littlepage of Baltimore; Beth Coolahan of Severna Park, MD; and Nancy Littlepage of Baltimore; a son; and 10 grandchildren.

Judge Henry Leslie Lam, '41 8 January 1999, at home, in Virginia Beach, VA, age 76. Native of Norfolk;



Henry Lam 1941 Recall

joined the Army Air Corps after graduating from Augusta; in flight training at Randolph Field throughout World War II. Attended George Wythe School of William and Mary. Associated with Kellam and Kellam 1952; later opened his own

law firm where he practiced for 24 vears. President of Virginia Beach Bar Association, 1966. Appointed traffic court judge in 1969; became circuit court judge in 1975. Served as Chief Judge for several years. Upon retirement, he served on the review panel for the Virginia Court of Appeals. State Commander, American Legion, 1962. Very active with Boy's State. Avid sportsman, fisherman, flyer, motorcycle enthusiast, car racer, sailor and weight lifter. On the AMA boxing, baseball, track and rifle teams; played other intramural sports

at Augusta. Sergeant, Band Company. Survived by his wife, Edna; daughter, Bliss Conner of Trappe, MD; 2 sons, Gary and James, both of Virginia Beach; and 7 grandchildren.



Don Carlisle 1945 Recall

#### Don Carlisle, '45

16 January 1999, at home, in San Angelo, TX. Medical doctor. Member of AMA fencing team; Served in the Korean War with the 1st Marine Division. Survived by his wife, Lee.

#### Billy Coleman, '46

29 August 1996, at home in Dillwyn. VA, of amylaidosis. Retired Vice President, Kyanite Mining Corporation.

At AMA. he worked on Recall staff. served on the YMCA board. played Tiger basketball and was on the tennis team. Honor Roll: intramurals. Survived by his wife, Gwen; 2 sons; and 2 grandsons.



Billy Coleman 1946 Recall

Colonel Joseph J. Volpe, '48 No date of death or details available.

On 18 September 1998, the 240th Quartermaster Battalion at Fort Lee.



Joe Volpe 1948 Recall

VA dedicated its headquarters building "in memory of a petroleum pio-Colonel neer, Joseph Volpe. known as the 'Godfather of POL (petroleum, oil and lubricants). Volpe was a CW at Augusta and played on the

Orchid Bowl champion AMA football team in 1947; Honor Roll; baseball.

#### Larry Bradbury, '62

September 1998, brain tumor. active in Very 18th Century military reenactments. (see story on page 14) Survived by his wife, Jacqueline; a brother. Matthew; a nephew, Troy; a



Larry Bradbury 1962 Recall

Kalback, and another aunt, Jane Bradbury Deppert.

Donald "Tiney" Atkinson, '66 24 August 1998, age 50. Home, West Berlin, NJ. Camden County College and Penn State University. Managed West Point, VA Auto Supply before opening his own video rental store

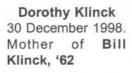


Don Atkinson 1966 Recall

and delicatessen. Don and his first wife, Betty Howard, adopted 2 Native American children from the Sioux Tribe in South Dakota. After a divorce, Don married Vicky and they lived in New Jersey. Las year, they attend-

ed his first ever reunion. Survived by his wife, Vicky, and his adopted children.

Miguel Perez, '75 1997, of kidney disease. No other details available. Reported by Brett Thompson, '75.





Miguel Perez 1975 Recall

Please report deaths and ilinesses of AMA alumni and faculty to the AMA Chaplain Bill Gray, '37 5111 - 8th Road, South, #107 Arlington, VA 22204-2817 Phone: 703/820-4781



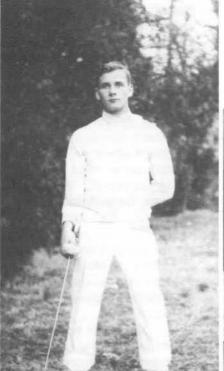
### From Colonel Hoover's attic

After Colonel Hoover passed away, family members turned over to the Alumni Association many boxes of photos and slides which had been stored in the colonel's attic. Most had no information to identify them. Can you help ID these Hoovershots? In what year or years might the pictures have been taken?





The pictures from Colonel Hoover's attic in the January Bayonet are shown below. In the photo at left, the fellow with the fencing foil is Donald Brown, '45, who was co-captain of the fencing team that year. Thanks to Jim Lane, '49 and Jack Field, '47, who were the first to identify Don. The photo below right is of Worthington



Mahone, '42, captain of the AMA track team. He was IDed by Judge B. A. Davis and Earl Cabaniss, both from 1943. And Wilson Harrell, '47. called and identified them both. Thanks!



#### An argument for military schools

## What if he had stayed?

Melvin Whitaker doffed his orange coveralls, bid farewell to his fellow inmates and walked out of the Charlottesville-Albemarle County Jail, having served one and a half years for the malicious wounding of University of Virginia football tackle Maurice Anderson.

The 6-11 hoopster was sought after by many of the country's top basketball programs. Eventually deciding on UVa, the Garner, North Carolina native inked the necessary grant-in-aid contract that would usher him into a 4 vear free ride at the Charlottesville University. The men's program at UVa was in need of some "new blood;" they got blood, but not the kind they wanted.

In 1995, Whitaker raised fans' hopes by selecting Virginia, but one thing he couldn't slam-dunk was his college entrance exam. In the fall of '55, instead of heading for the spectacularly colored mountainsides of Charlottesville, Walker shuttled off to Hargrave Military Academy in Chatham, Virginia. Hargrave, a 100 year old private military school, is among the handful of military preparatory schools still in operation.

#### Demise of the military

Two major factors led to the demise of the private military academies across the country. First, the everincreasing tuition costs driven by higher operational costs, and second, the unpopular opinion of any type of military organization including, but not limited to, the schools themselves, but to the very cadets who attended those schools. The Vietnam War was a spike driven into the heart of the American people and the revulsion of anything military was a consequence. Coupled with declining enrollment was the Pentagon's withdrawal of its full time personnel stationed at the academies. Many schools had to close their doors.

Contrary to what some believe, military schools are not in the business of teaching young men "how to kill", or to fight wars. Military schools instill self-discipline, manners, camaraderie, respect for others, and the ability to think clearly in critical situations. For many a young man, this first time away from home gave him a chance to become self-reliant.

In an interview with the Richmond Times-Dispatch, Whitaker related that he had failed his college entrance

Testimony from one who did stay Ott Heilman, Jr., 42, writes from his home in Kittanning, PA: "I cannot say enough good about my stay at Augusta, both from a learning and a discipline standpoint... AMA prepared me for life like no other experience..."

exams in the spring of '95 after already having signed up with UVa. UVa officials then enrolled him at Hargrave. In addition to improving his grades, he played basketball for HMA until he finally passed his SATs. "With that news," Whitaker said, "I left Hargrave immediately and headed for Charlottesville." Asked why he didn't finish the school year at HMA, he said: "I couldn't stand all that military crap and discipline stuff..."

Whitaker moved into an off-campus apartment where he was told that he couldn't be enrolled at UVa for the spring semester. Waiting for his entrance, he went to work for a beer distributor. He hung out at a recreation center on campus, playing in as many pick-up basketball games as possible. In March of 1995, he was involved in a on-court ruckus with a UVa football player named Maurice Anderson.

#### Malicious wounding

Whitaker left the gym, went to his apartment and armed himself with a box cutter. He returned to confront Anderson and in the scuffle that followed, he slashed the big tackle's face with the box cutter. Whitaker was arrested and convicted of malicious wounding. He thought he would go into a program for first time offenders, but the judge gave him 3and-a-half years with time off for good behavior. (He could have been sentenced to 20 years). After Whitaker's release this past October, he enrolled in Mount St. Mary's College where he will finally get to play college basketball albeit in a

conference not noted for powerhouse teams. He is on a year of supervised probation.

#### What if he had stayed?

The writer poses this question: What if he had stayed at Hargrave? Would Melvin have discovered as thousands before him did that discipline is an important and integral part of growing up? Would he have learned to think before acting or

reacting? Would he have learned to think under pressure and to control his emotions and actions? Could he have become a gentleman who respected his peers as well as those in authority?

Instead, Whitaker spent 18 months of his precious youth in jail, and he has had other losses of significant consequence. He is an uncertainty to coaches, must prove himself all over again on the hardwood, has a prison record, and lost the chance to attend one of the nation's finest universities.

There are many stumbling blocks on the road of life, but I am eternally grateful that I was one of those youngsters "who stayed."

Frank Williamson, '60, sent us this story. Frank and Bev live in Richmond.

## 6 AMA Legacy Scholarships to be awarded at reunion dinner

Six direct descendants of AMA alumni will be awarded \$1,000 AMA Legacy Scholarships at the Friday night 30 April Awards Banquet during the 1999 alumni reunion.

Strong support for the scholarship grant program has been in evidence, including a \$100,000 bequest from the late **Joseph Salicrup**, '31, and a \$16,000 gift from **Bob Bradford**, '50, and his

wife Nancy.

Any student 25 years of age or younger who is the child, grandchild, great grandchild, etc. of an AMA alumnus, living or dead, may apply for a scholarship if he or she is registered in a course of study past the high school level. This would include enrollment in an accredited college or a technical institute.

Gary Nicholson, '70, Chairman of the AMA Scholarship Committee, said, "A few years ago, we offered just one \$1,000 grant each year. Now, because of the generosity of AMA alumni and friends, we are able to award 6 scholarships this year. We know that the one certain way to insure AMA's legacy is through support for young people as they pursue courses of study beyond high school."

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DEADLINE APPROACHING

Applications must be *received* by the impartial outside judge *no later* than 23 March 1999.

Applications may be obtained by contacting Gary Nicholson. Phone 301/855-2706. e-mail address: NICKAMA70@aol.com. Home address: 11971 Lexington Drive, Dunkirk, MD 20754-9263.

Past scholarship recipients may make application for an AMA Legacy Scholarship. While having been awarded a stipend in the past is no bar to applying in subsequent years, neither is a grant in a previous year the guarantee

The winners of the 1998 AMA Legacy Scholarships were Elizabeth Spears Webster, granddaughter of John Webster, '27, and Jamie Houston Saunders, daughter of Goodloe Saunders, '57.

of future financial aid.

The judge is Maryland educator Stephanie Tayman. Judging is made without any input from the Alumni Association, Inc. or any of

its directors or officers.

Don't forget: Applications MUST be received by 23 March!!!!!

## Completed scholarship applications MUST be received by 23 March!

# Why we can't mail out AMA diplomas

Several people of late have inquired about getting a duplicate AMA diploma for one which they have lost (or which they never received), or some other acceptable proof of graduation from Augusta.

Most such letters have ended up on the desk of Ed Click, '50, the AMA Alumni Association Treasurer. Herewith quoted is the letter Ed writes in response to each such request:

"I regret that I cannot provide confirmation of your graduation from Augusta Military Academy. The records required for such confirmation simply do not exist. Your

request has come to the AMA Alumni Association because we are the sole active entity associated with AMA.

"The school closed in January of 1984 and was sold at auction later that year. As a private school in Virginia, the records of attendance and graduation were not required to be filed outside the school. The academic files, or what remains of them, have been made unusable over the years since the demise of the school.

"When the school was resold in late 1995, this Association finally was permitted to find and remove what files remained. Unfortunately, the files in the hundred or so cartons are in such disarray as to preclude a search for a specific record. Inasmuch as most of the files for the last decade of the school's operation have been lost completely, there is little impetus to restore the files to a usable condition, and there is no current plan to do so."

### Headquarters hotel at capacity for '99 reunion

As this issue of The Bayonet went to press, the headquarters hotel for the 1999 AMA Alumni Reunion was near capacity.

The Holiday Inn Golf and Conference Center reported that almost all its rooms have been booked by AMA alumni for Friday and Saturday nights. There were a few rooms left for Thursday night 29 April.

Other hotels in the area are listed below. Be sure to mention AMA when you call to take advantage of any special rates they might offer. The AMA Alumni Association does not make room reservations!

#### Area hotels and motels

#### HOST INN

Across from Holiday Inn. Phone 1/800/752-3301

#### INNKEEPER

Across from Holiday Inn 540/248-5111

#### INGLESIDE HOTEL

On Route 11 540/248-1201

#### COMFORT INN

Route 250 West 1/800/228/5150

#### HAMPTON INN

Route 11 South 1/800/HAMPTON

#### SHONEY'S INN

Route 250 East 1/800/222-2222

#### SUPER 8 MOTEL

Route 250 East 1/800/800-8000

#### **ECONOLODGE**

Route 250 East 1/800/553-2666

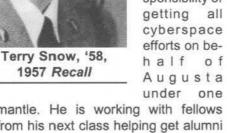
Phone right away to be sure that you will have a room for the reunion!

## Terry Snow, '58, chosen for AMA board opening

Terry Snow, '58, of Amherst, VA was elected to the AMA Alumni Association Board of Directors at the Board's 23 January meeting in John

> Craig Hall at the Augusta Stone Presbyterian Church.

> Snow is Chairman of the newly created Computer Committee with the responsibility of



mantle. He is working with fellows from his next class helping get alumni from the Class of 1959 back for this vear's reunion.

1957 Recall

Snow was part of the team that completed a partial inventory of AMA material that had been stored at VMI since the school closed. He also "found" Jon Cesafsky whose expertise at restoring historic buildings made him perfect as the Chief Renovator of the Roller-Robinson House.

After AMA, Terry attended Lynchburg College and Virginia Tech. He has spent the majority of his career with Intermet Foundries as a senior project engineer.

He has 4 sons, the youngest a sergeant (combat medic) in the U.S. Army. He also has 5 grandchildren.

### McCrary reported ill

Charles McCrary, who became PMS&T at AMA in 1963, has stayed in touch with Colonel Will Parkins. '35. Will reports that McCrary was diagnosed with cancer last July and is undergoing treatment in his hometown, Raleigh, NC.

## Roller Society, Ad Astras to share meal

Members of the Roller Society and of Ad Astra per Aspera will meet together for breakfast on Saturday 1 May during the annual reunion.

The meal will be served at the Holiday Inn at 7:30 AM.

Members of the 2 organizations will have the opportunity to take part in a discussion of future plans for the Association, the new Alumni House, the AMA Legacy Scholarship Fund, and future reunions.

Roller Society members are those alumni and friends of Augusta who have pledged a deferred gift to AMA in their wills, life insurance policies, and trusts.

Ab Astra members were selected on the last day of school each June and represent the 10 top cadets each year. In addition, some long time AMA faculty members are At Astras.

The specific room for the breakfast will be posted at the Holiday Inn, headquarters for the 1999 reunion.

### What was the crisis?

"For years, it has been the custom of the students at AMA to issue an annual at the close of the session called The Recall. Leather-bound and profusely illustrated, it is published at a considerable cost, and in normal times this cost is legitimate. But with the unusual demands upon our purses in this hour of crisis, it seems the patriotic thing to curtail expenditure and substitute for the more imposing volume this final number of The Bayonet."

Can you name "the crisis" which caused this statement to appear in an issue of The Bayonet? And can you name the year in which it appeared?

Answers on page 25.

Can you contribute food, drinks or money to stock the HOSPITALITY TENT?

## Sporting clays shoot set at reunion

The sounds of gunfire will be heard at the 1999 reunion when the second annual AMA Alumni Sporting Clays Shoot will be held in Harrisonburg. **Blaine Clarke**, '72, is planning the event.

Last year, a number of alumni participated and an even larger contingent of shooters is expected this year. "We have planned the event for Saturday after the Founders Day ceremonies so that we can have our shoot without taking fellows away from the reunion events scheduled," says Clarke.

The event will be a 50 shot shoot. Participants should bring their own weapons, or arrange to borrow them. The shoot will be held at the Flying Rabbit in Harrisonburg. Transportation to and from the hotel and Fort Defiance will be organized.

Two squads of 7 shooters can be on the course at the same time. Clarke says, "You can sharpen your shooting skills on the tower/5-stand..." Awards will be presented during the Saturday evening buffet/dance.

Due to the large expected turnout at the 1999 reunion, those interested in participating need to register as soon as possible. To sign up, contact Blaine Clarke at 301/947-0034. Or you may e-mail him at nuroses@aol.com

The details:

WHAT: Annual AMA Alumni Sporting Clays Shoot

WHERE: Flying Rabbit, Harrisonburg

WHEN: 3 PM, Saturday 1 May (after the Founders Day ceremonies at the Stone Church are concluded)

AWARDS: Will be presented on Saturday night

Call or e-mail Blaine Clarke as soon as you read this to assure your participation.

## More about the weekend at FMS

John Maragon, FMS '48, has been arranging for the Fishburne Cadet Corps to honor Augusta's alumni. It's fairly obvious that John has done his homework!

First, he makes the point that Dyke is optional for AMA alumni who will review the Fishburne Corps on 24 April - with one exception - Luke Snyder, '60. Seems that Maragon saw Luke's picture in The Bayonet wearing "an English cut blouse with starched white ducks."

Snyder, Captain of Band Company his senior year, wore the AMA uniform at the AMA Arlington Cemetery ceremonies last year.

Maragon also has noted that Jim Mackey, '44, is a championship tennis player on the senior circuit and, in the opinion of Maragon, "would be a great candidate for AMA's tennis team." It's also a fact that Colonel Frank Pilley, '51, a formidable netman in his days at AMA, may be ready to take the court against FMS on that special day in April.

Very interesting! If you are going to FMS for their Corps Review, please let **Duke Fancher**, '58, know. Duke's phone and e-mail address, page 7.

## Fields recalled to active duty

Cadets who attended Augusta in the late '40's will never forget the beautiful sounds of the bugle echoing across the courtyard and bouncing off the distant hills. One of the 2 AMA buglers of those days was Francis Fields, '48. And he's polishing up his horn to sound the first military calls heard on the AMA campus since the school closed 15 years ago.

"I have kept my lip in shape by sounding Taps and other bugle calls for my local American Legion Post," says Fields. He also has played in a variety of dance bands in the half century since he graduated from AMA in 1948.

With the Fishburne band on hand, Fields will sound the call that summons alumni and friends to the dedication ceremonies for AMA Alumni House. He'll also call us to lunch with "Soupie" and to the Augusta Stone Church Cemetery for Founders Day ceremonies. There, he will sound Taps to honor all Augusta men who have passed away.

So, Cadet Fields, you are hereby recalled to active duty. Now, blow, man, blow!!!

## For '49ers, it's a golden anniversary

Can it have been half a century - 50 years since the last "Dismissed!" was barked out through the tears?

For the 49ers, this reunion offers that once in a lifetime opportunity to celebrate a Golden Anniversary. And many of the fellows coming back have recognized that. Jim Bob Lane -Frank Spencer - Gray Kinnie - Fred Shappee - Doug Nemier - Chuck Pine - Louis Philhower - Jack Turner - Jim Councill - Bill Dickinson - Jim Welch (and brothers Mike, '47 and "Mase", '45) - Jim Sivvanus, to name but a few - they are all coming back. Reservations made; minds alive with things long forgotten; dusty Recalls studied once more to match names with faces.

The 49ers will have their own special caps and hope to have some meal event all to themselves. They'll ask again, "Who stole the bell out of the Mess Hall?... Who painted the sentry box orange?... Who threw the cherry bomb in the trash can just as Colonel Roller walked into the courtyard?" Those and other secrets may now be revealed. Now, after 50 years, the files may be unsealed! If you attended Augusta in 1949, you need to come back in 1999!

























### Recent gifts to the AMA Alumni Association





Joe Salicrup, '31

\$1,000

Hilton Roller Grasty in memory of Colonel Tom Roller

\$500

Mickey Gordon, '39 George H. Holt, '60

\$250 - \$500

A. C. Coleman, Jr., '58 Dave Fechheimer, '59 Henry Wainwright, III, '59 Charles M. Winston, '47 in memory of Jim Grove, '47 Bill Sanders, '48 Spencer Gregory, '48 Rahily Rhodes, '47

\$101 - \$249

Rob Overly, '62 J. M. Carstarphen, '52 William Brooks, Jr., '62

\$100

Robert Caudill, '45 John M. Core, '51 Bazil B. Duncan, III, '64 Steven F. Durst, '60 Mrs. Adrian Howard in memory of Adrian Howard, '56 Bill McVey, '60 J. Monroe Nash, Jr., '47 Dale Powers, '58 Benjamin Smith, Jr., '47

Mark A. Sullivan, '77 James Sylvanus, '49 John Robert Tiller, '62 L. D. Worthington, '39

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Donald Everitt, Jr., '63 Bill Lawrence, '61 John T. Atkinson, '60 David M. Austin, Sr., '71 David E. Brewer, '45 Colonel Robert Byers, '35 in memory of Mother Mac Charles S. Roller, Jr. Colonel Warren Robinson James Lee, '34 James F. Crawford, '61 Walter W. Duncan, '47 Michael Elliott, '41 Othmer Heilman, Jr., '42 W. A. Hill, Jr., '51 William Jaeger, '58 Gray Kinnie, '49 Peter Lambert, '44 James McCausland, '39 George Mineff, Jr., '77 in memory of Colonel Dekle Mrs. Noelle Nicholson in honor of Major Larry Nicholson, '75 Charles M. Oakey, '43 Elliott Ridge, '59 in honor of The Bayonet John A. Russell, '50 Eduardo Schonborn, Jr., '52 James Shively, '49 Frank Shultz, '41 Lawrence Spillan, '61

\$30 - \$49

Dr. Ernesto Calvo, '52 John Congdon, '52

F. R. Loth, Jr., Friend, in memory of Ron Mahanes, '53 Colonel Charles Pilley, '51 Dr. George Solan, '43 in memory of Major Roller and in honor of The Bayonet John Steciw, '59 David H. Watts, '66 Mrs. Thomas Bell

Up to \$30

Edwin F. Click, '50 in memory of Colonel Hoover Walter Dyer, '41 Arthur Hurme, '61 Raymond E. Long, '45 Mrs. Kenneth Martens Henry Nalven, '44 Nancy L. Nicholas Jean Nicol Mark T. O'Brien, '79 George L. Reaves, Jr., '69 Edmund Ryan, Jr., '45 Cole Sandridge, Jr., '52 Dr. Mebane Turner, '49 John J. Fox, Jr., '53 Donald Malnati, '72 in honor of The Bayonet Ruthie Griggs in honor of Elliott Ridge, '59 Dr. E. W. Michaels, '47 in memory of Joel Adelberg, '48 Ralph M. Parker, '51 Michael Narlis, '79 Paul F. Kime, '71

Our sincere thanks to these good friends and supporters.

When did you last contribute to help keep AMA's name and legacy alive? WE NEED YOU!

























































## Caps and shirts for Class of 1959

Dave Conrad, Elliott "Corky" Ridge and Lloyd Eastlack are rattling the bushes to locate their classmates who left Augusta 40 years ago - when Dwight Eisenhower was President.

Dave, Corky and Lloyd are class agents for 1959, and they have promised special Class of '59 caps at the registration desk for anyone from their class. They also talk quietly of high quality golf shirts with the Class of '59 logo embroidered on them.

The fellows are asking their classmates to contact Dave Conrad in one of 3 ways: by phone at 804/743-7553; by e-mail at Ilconrad@erols.com; or by snail mail at 5301 Bemiss Court, Richmond, VA 23234.

Members of the '59 class are asked to "arrange to be in formation at the Holiday Inn in Staunton on April 30... so that our class will make a great showing."

#### What was the crisis?

(from page 22)

The year was 1918, and the crisis was World War I.



# Virginia historical marker approval appears near

As *The Bayonet* went to press, AMA's petition for a Virginia historical marker to be located near the AMA campus, marking Augusta's place in history, was before the Virginia Board of Historical Resources, scheduled to

meet this month in Richmond. Approval is expected before month's end.

**Duke Fancher, 58**, has worked with the state commission to have the wording for the marker approved. It is anticipated that the metal sign would be erected on U.S. Route 11, near the entrance to the AMA campus.

While the AMA Alumni Association will pay for the manufacture and erection of the marker, the Virginia Department of Transportation will maintain the sign.

The foundry which manufactures these signs should have the AMA marker ready to install next summer or fall, if the Historical Resources Board approves the concept and wording.

AMA is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Professor Charles S. Roller, Sr. began teaching in Fort Defiance in 1865, just months after the Civil War ended. The school closed in January of 1984.

Edwin Click, '50, Terry Snow, '58, and Tommy Mitchell, '52, all worked on the project. "We couldn't have gotten this far without Ed, Tommy and Terry's help," said Fancher.

back to his father's hardware business in 1984 when his father semi-retired. Larry's Dad died in 1991.

#### AMA best years

Larry often said that his 4 years at AMA were the very best years of his life and really molded him into the man he became.

At the funeral, Larry was dressed in his North Staffordshire regimental blazer, with regimental tie and lapel pin. His sword and sash lay by his coffin, with the 64<sup>th</sup> colors behind him. The honor guard carried him to the waiting hearse, and then from the car to the grave. After a Catholic service, the honor guard fired 3 volleys of musketry, and *Roslyn Castle* was played on the fife.

Colonel Larry Bradbury was at rest.

#### PROPOSED WORDING ON AMA MARKER

Augusta Military Academy In September 1865, soon after the Civil War ended, Confederate veteran Charles S. Roller began teaching nearby. Augusta Male Academy, as Roller called his school by 1874, incorporated military discipline into its classical curriculum by 1880. renamed it Augusta Military Academy in 1890; it was the first military preparatory school in Virginia. In 1919, the Academy was among the first schools in America to adopt a Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps program. The Academy's international reputation for excellence secondary-level, military education attracted more than 7,000 students from the United States and abroad before it closed in 1984.

### Bradbury(cont. from page 14)

He was involved with the North-South Skirmish Association, but in 1972, he discovered the H. M. 64<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot, affiliated with the Staffordshire Regiment (Prince of Wales) and still is active. Through Larry's efforts, the 64<sup>th</sup> became the largest and most authentic regiment portraying 18<sup>th</sup> Century events.

He was one of the founders of the British Brigade which now boasts 40 regiments nationwide. He was commander of various British Brigade/Continental Line reenactments involving some 900 participants. Larry managed to have the Regiment invited to participate in the Stafford-shire Regiment's Presentment of New Colours in Colchester, England.

To support his hobby, Larry went

## Class agents promote reunion attendance

The Honor Classes at the 1999 reunion are those classes celebrating a significant anniversary: 15 years, 20 years, 25, 30, 40, 50, even 60 years. Cadets from those classes have been working to get a good turnout from their classmates. Pictured below are the class agents and phone numbers for them.



Mickey Gordon, '39 540 / 248-3734



Bob Bradford, '49 925 / 736-4961



Dave Conrad, '59 804 / 553-0500



Lloyd Eastlack, '59 901 / 452-9955



Corky Ridge, '59 540 / 728-2962



409 / 935-1293



Charlie Pascale, '69 540 / 434-4373



Chris Meek, '84 718 / 727-3126

### AMA classes that will celebrate SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIES 1939 - 60TH 1949 - 50TH 1959 - 40TH 1969 - 30TH 1974 - 25TH 1979 - 20TH

1984 - 15TH

### Many other classes have class agents

In addition to the Honor Class Agents listed above, several fellows have volunteered to represent their classes in this and future reunions.

"Other colleges and prep schools have found that they can greatly increase attendance at their reunions and can have a substantial increase in contributions," said Alumni President Goodloe Saunders, '57. "We sincerely appreciate the services rendered by these volunteers and are looking for alumni to represent all the classes not listed below."

Members of the Roller Society and Ab Astra will meet at breakfast on Saturday 1 May to recruit agents for

the uncovered classes. Classes and class agents are:

1935 Julian Quarles 1939 Mickey Gordon 1943 Chris Harrison 1944 Paul Edelman 1949 Bob Bradford 1950 Ed Click 1954 Ken Hoke 1958 Duke Fancher 1959 Dave Conrad Lloyd Eastlack Corky Ridge 1960 Frank Williamson 1967 Mac McInnis 1969 Charlie Pascale Bill Scarborough Nicky Syropoulos 1970 Jorge Rovirosa

1971 Garry Granger Rich Maschak 1975 Brett Thompson 1979 Ed Iskow 1984 Chris Meek

Note that there are still quite a few classes with no class agent. Will you volunteer for your class? The alumni association will provide you with the addresses and in most cases the phone numbers for everyone from your class who has a current address file in association records. We can give you mailing labels and e-mail addresses.

But we can't do the one thing you can do, and that is to be a familiar voice on the phone or a recognizable old friend who has written a letter to an old classmate. We need your help!

## SPOTLIGHT ON HARRIS CARLAN,

The 1935 Recall says that he played football and was on the wrestling and rifle teams. It said he made the academic Honor Roll, but he was also a "Busted Aristocrat," a cadet who had once been given a rank which later was taken

away for some infraction of the rules. Yet, his senior year, he was named "Best Drilled Cadet" having the traditional blue and white ribbon pinned to his chest during Finals by Major Roller.

Nowhere in the Recalls for his 2 years at Augusta is there any mention of the fact that Edward Harris Carlan was a "stellar bass baritone" with a "thrillingly beautiful voice with a fine range and round rich tones." He wasn't in the Glee Club nor did he perform in the Minstrels of the day. There is no indication that he sang in the Stone Church choir and he wasn't in the Band nor in the AMA Orchestra. His senior class prophecy expected to see him be "campaigning to Mayor of Galax, promising people 50 feet of sidewalk on both sides

A program from the '50's heralding a performance in Florida by Harris Carlan. In his hometown of Galax, VA, he was known as Edward. At AMA, his nickname was Rip.

of the street." Again, no mention at all of any musical talents.

The '35 Recall listed Galax in far Southwest Virginia as Carlan's home. His parents had moved there to establish

a drug store, according to an article in the Carroll (County) News, written by Evelyn H. Botschen. Botschen says that Edward's mother, Nina, loved music and enrolled young Edward in voice and piano lessons in Galax. (He was known as Edward in Galax, Harris in the music world, and "Rip" at Augusta)

Harris went off to AMA to ready himself for the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis where he won the U.S. Navy Medal as an expert marksman and where he again played football. He was honorably discharged from the Navy in July of 1941 for medical reasons, less than 5 months before the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. He attended American University in Washington, DC for a while and studied pre-law at

Carlan's senior photo, 1935 Recall

George Washington University, also in the nation's capital. All the while, he kept training his voice and hoping he could earn a living at music, but his parents dissuaded him having felt firsthand the agonies and despair of the Great

Depression. Still, while studying in Washington, he would go to New York for voice lessons and then "began (his) life-long practice of flying from city to city for music engagements," says Botschen.

His first job was in the Aiken, SC school system where he was the Physical Education Director. His Green Terrors of Aiken High School lost no football games under Carlan's direction.

While at Aiken, he became involved with a music club in Augusta, GA which led to a weekly 30 minute radio show. Botschen says that "his connections in Washington, New York City (and his radio show) were beginning to pay off." With recommendations from those who knew him and who

appreciated his unique talents, Harris entered the School of Music at the University of Miami (FL).

In July of 1944, the Miami Herald said that Harris had been selected as the understudy for Count di Luna in

Verdi's II Trovatore to be produced by the Miami Opera Guild. During this time, he was also a church soloist and sang for President and Mrs. Eisenhower in July of 1957, according to the Herald. He played leading baritone roles in Puccini's Madame Butterfly, Verdi's Regaletto and other works of the masters. Harris was invited to perform in a Command formance of the National Federation of Music Clubs when the outstanding composer Mana Zucca presented some of her own original compositions. (He baritone in Zucca's Ode to sang Music.)

One reviewer reported, "The brilliant resonant voice of Harris Carlan combined with a gracious personality has Marg global him a position of eminence in the concert field..."

With all these accolades, Harris harked back to AMA

when asked about the important things in his life. "AMA was tops to me...," he wrote. "My proudest moment (was) when we passed in review for Lowell Thomas (CBS network newsman and Fox Movietone News narrator). "We did an 'eyes right,' and there he was, under the trees, dressed in a white suit... I almost wet my pants!"

Harris also remembered the day he graduated from Augusta. "It was the day after the rifle handling competition... The event boiled down to 4 cadets... We went through a number of commands and got to 'right shoulder arms'... It was by the numbers and all but I went to the second position; I didn't... and I had won!" On graduation day, Cadet Edward Harris Carlan went to the stage to receive his medal from The Big Boy.

"I always had good hands... who wouldn't working in a drugstore serving Cokes for a

nickel, banana splits for 2 bits, and Stud Tobacco to guys sitting around whom I thought were old... I was 14... they were in their late 20's and early 30's. I wanted to be nice to these <u>old</u> men!"

Carlan gives credit to AMA's **Sergeant Caldwell** for getting his expert marksman's rating at the Naval Academy in 1936. "Shooting with .22s in the basement of the gym" got Harris ready for his Annapolis award.

He remembered well **Professor Parkins**, **Colonel Tom Roller** and **Major Charles Roller**. "(Parkins) never wore a uniform... Colonel Tom was highly respected... he was quiet... you saluted, he saluted back.... and Major Roller, he was the most... most feared, most liked by most. The man was everywhere: in charge of study hall... loud and clear at midnight asking the Corporal of the Guard why was this done and this not done... but it was not foolishness. It was discipline... He demanded the most and he got he most."

Nearly 23 years after Carlan had graduated from Augusta, he came back and following retreat went to the Big Boy's office. "Do you know who I am?," Harris asked Major Roller. "He looked at me closely. Instead of weighing 160 pounds, I was then over 200 pounds and balding. Those steely blue eyes looked me up and down, then he said, 'You're Edward Harris Carlan from Galax..."

Both Harris and General Roller are gone now. Carlan moved to Roanoke and Botschen says that he came back to Carroll County often to a farm he had at Fancy Gap. But in the years before he died, he didn't come as often, "and finally not at all. His feet and knees hurt him a lot. I was

so sorry when I learned of his death about 6 months too late. He had a heart of gold, and I know that he loved the mountain... in Fancy Gap where his mother had grown up."

It is the mountain farm at Fancy Gap that led to Evelyn Botschen's article in the Carroll News. When he died, Carlan left the farm's almost 300 acres to be used for recreational purposes.

It's on a mountaintop nearly 3500 feet up, with green valleys below and "gigantic blue mountains bulging toward eternity all around." Pilot Mountain can be seen in the distance from the Carlan farm.

The Aiken Standard and Review documented Carlan's love for his Virginia mountains in a 1956 story. "When the mockingbirds quiet down," the story said, "the silence gets so loud you can hear your own soul... Owning mountains 'up yonder' is like having a garage full of Cadillacs in Texas..."

Edward Carlan to hometown friends; Harris Carlan to thousands who thrilled to his voice; "Rip" Carlan to his fellow cadets at Augusta. One of only 23

seniors in that mid-depression year of 1935, one who overcame the times and the parochialism of a mountain community only to return there in his last conscious thoughts.



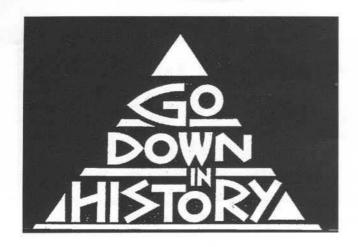
Harris Carlan at the U. S. Naval Academy

## Iskow, '79, and Meek, '84, work to get the last classes back

Ed Iskow, '79, and Chris Meek, '84, are working to get fellows from the last decade of AMA's operation to come back for the 1999 reunion. '79 and '84 are both Honor Classes, celebrating 20<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> anniversaries respectively. They're doing most of their recruiting on the internet.

You can contact Ed at Elskow@aol.com Chris' e-mail address is: sooner@admin.con2.com





## Support the AMA Alumni House and Museum

# Order your personalized Old House paver brick, and you will Go Down in History!

Complete the form below and return it, or photocopy this page and return it

You can remember a friend, fellow cadet or teacher. You can honor a living alumnus or family member. You can honor your class, or your team, or some other organization (official OR UNofficial!) that you belonged to when you attended Augusta. Thank your parents. Show your wife how much you love her. Tell your kids how proud you are of them. And - at the same time -

## help renovate the Roller-Robinson House, turning it into THE AMA ALUMNI HOUSE AND MUSEUM

| Please fill in the blanks, below, and submit with your payment.  NAME                                                                                         |                                            |
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| ADDRESS                                                                                                                                                       |                                            |
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| □ 4" X 8" - \$50 □ 8" X 8" - \$100 (pictured at right)                                                                                                        | SLEEP WELL.                                |
| If you would like to order more than one brick, please use a separate form for each.                                                                          | MY FRIEND                                  |
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Make check to:

AMA Alumni Association, Inc.

Mail to:

PAVERS, AMA Alumni Association, P. O. Box 101, Fort Defiance, VA 24437

## AMA Alumni Association, Inc. 1999 AMA REUNION

APRIL 30 - MAY 1. STAUNTON, VIRGINIA **Holiday Inn Golf and Conference Center** 

THURSDAY, APRIL 29

1:00 PM

5:30 - 10:00 PM

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION (Room 326)

GOLF at Ingleside

INFORMAL SOCIAL (Room 326 & TENT)

Hospitality tent open

(HEADQUARTERS HOTEL)

(Holiday Inn Golf & Conference Center) (Interstate 81 at Country Club Road (Exit 225))

#### Donations of food, drink and/or cash appreciated for all 3 days of hospitality room and tent

AMA GOLF TOURNAMENT, STAUNTON COUNTRY CLUB

FRIDAY, APRIL 30

10:00 AM - 6:30 PM

10:30 AM

10:30 AM

5:30 PM

6:30 PM

AWARDS BANQUET

LADIES PROGRAM

REGISTRATION, Room 326

The Hospitality Room & Tent will be open Thursday from 5:30 PM until 10 PM, and open on Friday and Saturday

during the day and evening.

SATURDAY, MAY 1

7:00 - 9:00 AM

7:30 - 8:45 AM

9:00 AM

Immediately after

Membership meeting

11:30 AM

**12 NOON** 

2:00 PM

3:00 PM

6:00 PM

7:00 PM

SUNDAY, MAY 2

11:00 AM

SOCIAL Hospitality tent

Golf and tennis available, Holiday Inn Golf and Conference Center

Holiday Inn Grand Ball Room

(Attire: Coat & tie - Cash bar)

Breakfast available at the Holiday Inn

AD ASTRA/ROLLER SOCIETY BREAKFAST

(Room to be announced)

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING of AMA Alumni Association, Inc., Grand Ball Room

Election of directors

Reports

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING (All AMA alumni invited to attend)

Election of officers

DEDICATION OF AMA ALUMNI HOUSE AND MUSEUM

Roller-Robinson House - AMA campus, Fort Defiance

(Preferred attire: Coat & tie)

ALUMNI LUNCHEON

AMA gymnasium

FOUNDER'S DAY CEREMONIES

Augusta Stone Church Cemetery

SPORTING CLAYS SHOOT

Harrisonburg

SOCIAL

Hospitality tent, Holiday Inn

(Dressy casual attire)

HEAVY HORS D'OEUVRES

followed by DANCING

Cash Bar (Dressy casual) Grand Ball Room

Breakfast available at Holiday Inn

CHURCH SERVICE

Old Stone Church

Check out!

Drive safely!

Come back next year!

For more information, call a member of The 1999 AMA Reunion Committee

Mickey Gordon, '39 . . . . . . 540/ 248-3734

Frank Spencer, '49 ..... 804/ 977-0026 Tom Simmons, '53 . . . . 540/ 939-4225 (1st)

540/ 885-0833 (2<sup>nd</sup>)

Duke Fancher, '58 . . . . . . . . 703/ 892-0958

Nick Syropoulos, '69 . . . . . 410/ 889-9224

Gary Nicholson, '70 . . . . . . . 301/ 855-2706

Stride Coleman, '72 . . . . . . 540/ 721-6654

## Golf tournament plans announced for reunion

Duffers and pros! Dust off the clubs! Buy some golf balls that will float! And get out to that practice range! The 1999 AMA Open is coming up on 30 April at the Staunton Country

Garry Granger, '71, who is helping put the tournament together, said a 4 person team scramble is planned with a 10:30 tee time on Friday 30 April, the first full day for the 1999 reunion.

Proceeds from the tournament will go to the AMA Alumni House and Museum which will be dedicated the next day.

Granger said, "There will be prizes for 1st and last places, plus prizes for the longest drive and closest to the

The \$60 per player fee will include green fees, cart, refreshments, box lunch, awards and a "goodie bag" with balls, hats, tees, etc.

For those who want to get in a practice game before the tournament itself, arrangements are being made for non-tournament play at the Ingleside course beginning at 1 PM on Thursday 29 April.

"We want to get foursomes put together for the Friday tournament as soon as posible," said Granger. "Below is a form which should be completed and returned, with a handicap, as soon as possible, and in no case after April 1st."

> Players may set up their own foursomes, ask

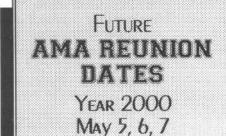
to be teamed with other players, or take pot luck on who else will be in the foursome.

The signup form, below, should be

completed and returned with a check for the registration fee to: GOLF, AMA Alumni Association, P.O. Box 101, Fort Defiance, VA 24437-0101.

Checks should be made payable to: AMA Alumni Association.

Please remember to put the word GOLF on the outside of the envelope.



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pin. There also will be a drawing for Mulligans - \$10 per Mulligan with a limit of 2 per player."

### 1999 AMA GOLF TOURNAMENT

FRIDAY 30 APRIL - STAUNTON COUNTRY CLUB

#### 4 PERSON TEAM SCRAMBLE! (Captain's choice)

Use every player's tee shot twice - Lowest score wins!

PROCEEDS TO THE AMA ALUMNI HOUSE

PRIZE AND CART-STUFFER DONATIONS APPRECIATED! Contact Lewie Kennett - 540/721-3456

COURSE: Staunton Country Club (behind Holiday Inn)

TEE TIME: 10:30 AM

Friday 30 April

DEADLINE: 1 April 1999

#### EVERYONE WELCOME!

PRIZES - 1st and last place Longest drive! - Closest to the pin! Drawing for Mulligan prizes \$10 per Mulligan - limit 2 per player

FEE: \$60 per person includes green fees, cart, refreshments, box lunch, goodie bags, prizes

Complete form below (photocopy OK)

Make check to: AMA Alumni Association Mail to:

GOLF, % AMA Alumni Association

P. O. Box 101, Fort Defiance 24437 CLASS \_\_\_\_ NAME

PHONE NUMBER (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ HANDICAP OR LAST 3 SCORES \_\_\_\_\_

Class \_\_\_\_

## Roller Society continues to add new members

The Roller Society, created to honor alumni and friends of AMA who make deferred gifts to the AMA Alumni Association, continues to add charter members.

Jeff Wenzel, '70, Coordinator of the Planned Giving Program, says, "Our alumni and friends are beginning to realize how simple it is to make a commitment that when we are no longer here, something will be left behind to assure that Augusta Military Academy's name, legacy and heritage will never die."

Simply by putting something for AMA in one's will makes that person eligible for membership in the Roller Society. Making the alumni association the partial or total beneficiary of a life insurance policy is another option as are trusts, annuities and other such legal entities. There is no obligation to reveal how much has been left behind for

Augusta to achieve membership.

"Garry Granger, '71, did let us know that he has arranged for a \$15,000 gift and we are quite appreciative," said Wenzel.

The first 100 people to pledge a deferred gift to AMA will become charter members of the Roller Society, according to Wenzel. "We strongly encourage every alumnus to discuss with his estate planner a gift to Augusta when you are no longer here."

Here are the charter members of Roller Society at the date of publication, including the spouses of 2 cadets and the mother of another. The charter members, by class, are:

Joseph Salicrup, '31 \*
Mickey Gordon, '39
W. M. Mahone, '42
Robert Spilman, '45
Dr. Edward Leventen, '46
Bobby Rhea, '47
Hal Walters, '48
Bill Harris, 148
Dr. John Morris, '49 \*
Clyde Ramsey, '49
Jeanne Morrissette Ramsey,
wife of Clyde Ramsey, '49
Bob Bradford, '50

Nancy Bradford, wife of Bob Bradford, '50

Jim Starnes, '50 Andrew Campbell, '61

Elliott "Corky" Ridge, '57 Goodloe Saunders, '57 Terry Snow, '58

David Conrad, '59 Nick Syropoulos, '69 Noelle Nicholson,

mother of Major Larry Nicholson, '75

Jeff Wenzel, '70 Garry Granger, '71 Lewis Kennett, '72



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1999 REUNION Complete schedule (See page 30)